

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on December 21, 2007 the Examiner rejected claims 1-9 and 11-20 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner also indicated claim 10 was allowable.

In response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 7 and 11. The amendment to claim 7 is to correct a typographical error.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include recitation of “using the weighted sums to provide a reduced spatial noise image.” This limitation is a direct practical application by providing an image viewable by a user. Applicant submits that claim 1 is now claiming statutory subject matter.

Applicant has also amended claim 11 to include recitation of “displaying the spatially reduced noise image.” This limitation is a direct practical application because a spatially reduced image is displayed so that a user can view it. Applicant submits that claim 11 is now claiming statutory subject matter.

Claims not specifically mentioned above are allowable due to their dependence on an allowed base claim.

CONCLUSION

No fees are due for this amendment. However, the Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayments of fees (including fees for petitions for extensions of time) under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to account number 502117. Any overpayments should be credited to the same account.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application, withdrawal of the rejections made in the last Office Action and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The Applicant's representative can be reached at the below telephone number if the Examiner has any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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